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## Important Notice!

On the 4<sup>th</sup>, November, the Samford Commons (the area up the hill from our grounds), will be holding a “Makers Market”. Activity is planned from 6 am to 11 pm.

The main times that will concern archers are from 7.30 am. to the time of closure of archery activity. It is a day which includes a Beginner Course.

The usual entry road will be closed off, and entry will be the road into the tennis courts, some 500 metres to the north along Mount Samson Road, and following down the new road to the Club grounds.

The parking area for stall holders and for people with disabilities for the market will be the parking area which has been recently constructed, below the line of the old buildings.

Traffic may be heavy, and there will possibly be pedestrians on the road from the tennis courts to the market.

**Take care and be alert for possible problems!**

**And, a further change for our archers** - we have replaced the single parking area for people with disabilities with two bays. The Management Committee wishes to encourage parking with cars facing north-south. To this end, and to make things simpler for people using these bays, we ask other drivers to avoid parking in the area to the north of these bays.



In this way we hope that those people who use these bays will find the process of driving in and out simpler.

**Three of our Club members saw archery overseas recently.**

**Alison Hagaman** went to Beijing as a Judge at the Para-Archers World Championships, and afterwards had a few days with Brian seeing some of

the sights. We understand that things went pretty well but some of the eliminations were a bit of a problem.

**Scott MacLean** was an Australian archer at the Invictus Games in Toronto, Canada. He ranked equal ninth in the Men's Open final (with seven other archers - so the competition was close).



The Australian Compound team (above) with Scott, Christopher Clark and Darren Robinson ranked 5<sup>th</sup>.

You've never seen Scott look so serious - he must not have been happy about something.

Congratulations - you can do a comeback in Sydney next time.

**Justin Olexienko** went to Mexico City for the World Archery Championships, just finished.

He qualified 44<sup>th</sup> with 696 in the ranking round, then (in his own words) -

“My first World Archery Championships in Mexico city is all over for me. I came to this shoot as prepared as I could be. My

qualification round of 696 felt a lot worse than it was. Due to altitude (about 7800 ft above sea level) I found myself running out of energy on every shot which resulted in me needing to rush. But still a 696 I was happy with at the end.

My first match was my best with a 145 but my second match was not so good. Apart from going down to a 149 from Steve Anderson a lot of my shots were just out of the ten which gave me a 142 this brought my placing from 44 to 33 at this event so I can't complain about that.

Each event I attend I discover something different and things that could be changed to make it better, all of which I have started practicing while I am still here.

So now it is time for a couple of weeks off and a relax, then to get ready for the Las Vegas shoot.

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He's still a champion!

In fact, Justin currently ranks No 1 in the National Outdoor target rankings.

**Our attempt to raise some \$1800 extra for an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)** is not going great guns at the moment. The current amount pledged is \$1120. The device would be placed to be available to people in the (close) area, should the need for a defibrillator ever arise. An article

recently placed in the “Village Pump” might, hopefully, generate some interest.

**The Ron Tucker Memorial shoot and the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner** was shot and eaten on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

The shoot was a handicap event, based on Grand Master Bowman levels. **Luke Schmidt** won, shooting a Darwin round at 111.6 of GMB, and Elite Bronze level. **Frans Roodt** came second shooting 106.74 of Grand Master Bowman level (and Elite Bronze) in a Grange round, and **Scott Hagaman** came third, also shooting a Grange round and scoring 104 of Grand Master Bowman level (a Grand Master Bowman level).

They will be the first archers to have their names on the new, Brian Hagaman produced, shield which will be used to record future Ron Tucker Memorial tournament winners.

(Brian will eventually produce some more shields to record notable moments in the life of the Club.)

The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner was catered by Golden Roast, and the cost was 50% funded by the Club. Everyone who attended seemed happy with the meal and the night, but it would have been nice to see a few more guests.

There had been some thought to do a similar dinner arrangement for the Christmas Break-up on 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, the decision was finally to use the familiar set-up of “bring some

of your favourites” and the Club will provide chicken and ham.

**Put your name, and the number of people, and what food you plan to bring, on the list on the Club noticeboard(s).**

**There will be some changes to the way Club Champions are calculated** next year, and there will also be changes to the timings of some of the competitions - **Look at the notice board and Listen to the lunch-time announcements for advice about changes coming out over the next month or so.**

**This leads on to the fact that some archers (even ones who might have been expected to know),** are unsure about what the **Silver Arrow** competition is, and how it works. The information IS AVAILABLE, on the notice board and by asking questions, but a brief précis here, might not go astray.

As run for the South Queensland Archery Society (SQAS), the Silver Arrow started as a postal competition between the Clubs forming the SQAS. For those who don’t know what “postal” means in this context, it means that the various results of the shoot held at each Club were sent in the post (“snail mail”) to a central recorder, and the winners in the various divisions and classes were

announced at the end of the particular year.

Other “postal” shoots were quite popular in earlier years, between geographically separated Clubs in Australia, and even Overseas.

That record of scores, and the process of having it sent to a central recorder, is now much quicker using Archers Diary - (within Australia, anyway).

The rounds and numbers of rounds, and the disciplines have changed a numbers of times over the years, but currently the situation is as follows:-

There are three of each of Target, Field, Indoor, and Clout events shot throughout the year. Each Club can elect when to shoot the various events within each quarter year, and each Club CAN invite other Clubs to be physically present at a Silver Arrow shoot.

The Target events in 2018 will be Double 720 rounds, and SVTA will make them Qualifying and Ranking Events (QRE's) as well.

Field events will be “marked 24 target” events, held at the SQAS field course at Belmont.

The Clout rounds will be Double Clout rounds - that is, 2 lots of 36-arrow Clout rounds, and the Indoor rounds will be one FITA 18 metre round (60 arrows - i.e. 2 x 30) and one FITA 25 metre round (60 arrows - i.e. 2 x 30)

These are team events and there are various make-ups of teams. The

highest 3 or 4 scorers in each Club form the team.

One of the important things about this is that the greater the number of participants, the greater is the chance of producing a winning team score. If there is fewer than the required number of archers needed to form a team, the scores will not usually compete with a full team from another Club.

At the end of the year, the winners are the Regional Champions in the various disciplines.

The competition between SVTA and the Mount Petrie Bowmen is friendly but fierce.

Various medals can be awarded for top scores and most improvement.

There are small charges for each archer, which go to SQAS for the correlation of scores. In the case of SVTA the charges are met by the Club, and not collected from each archer.

#### **The original objectives of the Silver Arrow Postal shoots included:-**

Giving the casual shooter the opportunity to mix and compete with shooters of other Clubs,

Encouraging archers to improve their scores,

and, when other Clubs are present in a shoot, to enable archers to have an opportunity to establish South Queensland Tournament records, and to gain qualifying scores for classification, if applicable.

**Please turn up on 18<sup>th</sup> November for 9 am.** We depend on our members to do quite a lot of maintenance work around the Club.

A lot of it is done quietly by a few dedicated (or crazy) members in whatever spare time they have, but occasionally (basically twice per year) we have a Working Bee to get some of the other larger jobs done.



Morning tea will be provided, and we'd plan to stop at 12 mid-day.

The Boss won't be there, so we'll be able to slack off a bit - just repacking some indoor target butts for the real men, and sorting out used target faces - tossing the ones that are too far gone, and gluing patches onto the ones that are recoverable.

There may be a couple of other jobs we'll dig up at the time. Wear work-type clothes. We wouldn't like to get uniforms too dirty.

**This part is for the New Members** - we encourage new archers to start shooting the OzBow round as soon as you can hit the target "red or better" fairly consistently. This is a round of 30

arrows (6 "ends"), and you start at the 10 metre distance.

This encourages you to improve, and introduces you to proper scoring procedures - most of them anyway.

There are OzBow scoresheets in the bank of drawers at the sign-in area.

Each distance from 10 to 70 metres (in 5 metres increments) has a "Qualifying score", which is marked in the lower right corner of the scoresheets. When you make that qualifying score, two further things are open to you;

**1. You can ask for a distance medal**, to indicate that you have qualified at that distance. We have previously given the first medal free, unfortunately, costs have caught up with us and we now have to charge for each medal - \$5 currently.

**2. You have then qualified to advance to the next distance** - a further 5 metres out, and repeat the process.

Under the system the Club uses, the qualifying scores get a little harder each time - 70 metres qualifying is not actually easy.

As much as most of our members are not really competitive-natured people (NOT HALF!) you can also turn an OzBow round into a little competition with another new archer. No medals for that, just a winning feeling if you like that - in the nicest way of course.

OzBow is quite a short round - if you are fit enough you can easily shoot 3 of them in a day, or less.

**Prices in the canteen have changed a bit** - water remains at \$1, canned soft drinks have gone up to \$1.50, and chocolates have gone up to \$2.50. We're slightly apologetic about that, but the cost of supply is getting at us. Mind you, try to get those prices outside in the real world.

**In addition, the price of coffee from the coffee machine has changed - it's gone down to \$0!!** The price of instant coffee and tea is also \$0 as it has always been and the same rules apply - **CLEAN YOUR CUPS AND MUGS WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED!!!!!!!!!!**

When using the coffee machine, have a look at the notice of the kitchen wall there, and follow the directions about care of the machine.

**In fact the rule applies to ALL of the kitchen equipment - the grill and the microwave especially** - make sure they're clean when you finish using them.

**HERE'S A HEALTH AND SAFETY WARNING** - if you haven't already found out - a lot of us have - the bottom of the feet on the target frames can be pretty sharp, and if you brush your leg when you are moving a target around you can get cut. Not savagely, but it can be a nuisance.

Most of the handles on the target frames have plastic inserts to reduce their potential as problems, but some of the inserts have fallen out and been lost.

Perhaps an audit of what's needed?

**I was going to comment that "the new shed" is growing, and so is the grass - I wonder which one will win,**



But, by the time this newsletter comes out the shed will be finished, and the weather has been a problem, so it's no longer a fair comment (if it ever was, except to us cynics.)

It now looks like this...



**Earlier in this Newsletter was a mention that Justin Olexienko was currently ranked No1 in Outdoor archery in Australia.**

If you have a puddle around in Archers Diary, and look at the heading “National Rankings”, you can get an idea of who the top archers in Australia are.

Listing Samford members who rank 10<sup>th</sup> or above, Nationally:-

Frans Roodt - 5<sup>th</sup> - Indoor - all divisions

### Outdoor

Geof Hinsby - from Barrier Coast but also SVTA - 4<sup>th</sup> - Veteran Mens Compound

Tristan Barrett - 8<sup>th</sup> - Open Mens Compound

### Indoor

Craig Glasby - 1<sup>st</sup> - Para archery

Taymon Kenton-Smith - 4<sup>th</sup> - Para archery

John Garland - 1<sup>st</sup> - Veteran +

Madeleine Ferris - 8<sup>th</sup> - Veteran

Denis Mycock - 9<sup>th</sup> - Veteran

Luke Schmidt - 5<sup>th</sup> - Intermediate

### Field

Matthew Clark - 9<sup>th</sup> - Cub

Luke Schmidt - 8<sup>th</sup> Intermediate

Tristan Barrett - 8<sup>th</sup> - Open

Patrick Barden 3<sup>rd</sup> - Veteran +

So we do have a number of luminaries in the Club. Congrats, the lot of you.

I'm not jealous!!

**Now a couple of pics from the Ron Tucker Memorial Shoot.**



**And,**



**Jayd Sadler, and Edward Lee** - two (relatively) new members who may well end up in those top 10 lists in the not too distant future.